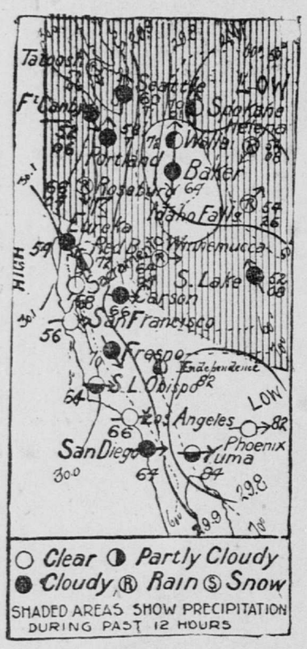
COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY.

Silver firmer.
Wheat freights nominal.
Wheat and Barley weaker.
Oats, Corn and Rye unchanged.
New Hay weak; old, firm.
Bran and Middlings lower.
White Beans weaker.
Wool and Hops dull.
No change in Flour.
Potatoes firm. Vegetables scarce.
Butter and Cheese easy.
Eggs firm.
Poultry in good supply.
Cherries and Berries in light receipt.
Oranges and Lemons firm.
Currants appeared.
Prunes and Dried Apples in demand.
Ham, Bacon and Lard very active and firm.
Hides and Leather improving.
Beef steady. Hogs and Mutton firm.
Canned Fruits wanted in England.
New York Exchange advanced.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS.

Exports of Flour from this port thus far this crop year amount to 784,450 barrels, against 963,450 for the same time last crop year. Reducing this Flour to a Wheat basis and adding to it the exported Wheat gives total exports of Wheat for the time named of 12,018,600 ctls, valued at $13,955,000, against 12,573,000 ctls, at $16,235,000 in 1896-97.



EXPLANATION.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate minimum temperature for the days; those underneath it, if any, the amount of rainfall or of melted snow in inches and hundredths during the last twelve hours. Isobars, or solid lines, connect points of equal air pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature. The word "high" means high barometric pressure and is usually accompanied by fair weather; "low" refers to low pressure and is usually preceded and accompanied by cloudy weather and rains. "Lows" usually first appear on the Washington coast. When the pressure is high in the interior and low along the coast, and the isobars extend north and south along the coast, rain is probable; but when the "low" is inclosed with isobars of marked curvature, rain south of Oregon is improbable. With a "high" in the vicinity of Idaho, and the pressure falling to the California coast, warmer weather may be expected in summer and colder weather in winter. The reverse of these conditions will produce an opposite result.

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17, 1898, 5 p. m.

Following are the rainfalls for the past twenty-four hours and seasonal rainfall to date as compared with those of the same date last season:

Stations—	Past 24 hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	31.93	49.20
Red Bluff	0.00	13.38	24.17
Sacramento	0.00	10.01	17.56
San Francisco	0.00	9.06	23.21
Fresno	0.00	4.79	10.52
San Luis Obispo	0.00	7.14	20.75
Los Angeles	0.00	6.83	16.86
San Diego	0.02	4.72	11.70
Yuma	0.00	1.66	5.35

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 56; minimum, 50; mean, 53.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECASTS.

The pressure has fallen slowly over the Pacific Coast. A well marked low overlies the Upper Missouri Valley and has been accompanied in its progress eastward by general rain over the Rocky Mountain region.

The temperature has risen slowly over the southern half of the Pacific Slope. It has fallen over Oregon and Washington.

Rain has fallen over the northern half of the Pacific Slope and in Nevada and Utah.

A thunder storm is reported at Roseburg.

A maximum wind velocity of 28 miles per hour from the west is reported at Winnemucca.

Forecasts made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, May 18, 1898:

Northern California—Cloudy and unsettled Wednesday; with fog on the coast in the morning; northwesterly winds.

Southern California — Cloudy Wednesday, fresh westerly winds.

Nevada—Showers early Wednesday morning and in extreme northern portion Wednesday.

Utah—Rain Wednesday.

Arizona—Cloudy Wednesday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Wednesday, with fog in the morning; fresh westerly wind.

Special report from Mount Tamalpais, taken at 5 p. m.—Clear; wind west 12 miles per hour; temperature, 51; maximum temperature, 58.

ALEXANDER McADIE,
Local Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 17.—To-day's advance in the price of stocks was the result of a movement of professional operators to renew the upward course of prices. These operators argued that the market had undergone a fair degree of reaction during yesterday and the latter part of last week. The reaction had invited a fair short interest and had wiped out the holders on the long side of speculation. This represented an improvement in the technical conditions of the market. The day's trading started off with the advantage of an improvement in London, where prices of American securities were advanced a sharp fraction all around. There was also some buying for London at the opening here, but London afterward turned seller when prices had risen. There are a number of stocks which enjoy the special support of friends and inside interests and these imparted firmness by sympathy to the rest of the market. The combination of these circumstances made the bulls feel warranted in pushing up the prices of their favorites without waiting for more definite developments of the naval situation in West Indian waters. There was no evidence of any large outside interest and any slackening of the professional demand precipitated dullness. The absence of outside demand was indicated clearly also by the way in which prices fell away in the realizing movement in the final hour. The day's extreme advances were curtailed from ½ to ¾ by this movement, but net advances of from 1 and 2 points for the principal stocks still remained. Tobacco led the list in point of activity. This stock shows a net gain of 2¼.

The rates for time money went lower, to 3 per cent for sixty days, 3½ per cent for ninety days and 4 per cent for four months. The abundant supply of money in the country and a prospect of a trade balance for a year in our favor of over $600,000,000 are taken much account of by those who study the speculative outlook. A plethora of money seeking employment and a continued foreign demand for our products means an era of higher prices and of speculative and industrial activity.

Bonds were quiet but higher all around. Sales $1,650,000. United States new 4s fell ½ and the 5s ¼ in the bid price. There was a sale of the new 4s (registered) at an advance of 3½ over the last sale, which was several weeks ago.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 438,000 shares, including 3500 Atchison common, 14,300 Atchison preferred, 27,800 Burlington, 11,800 Louisville and Nashville, 11,200 Manhattan, 6500 Missouri Pacific, 7400 Northern Pacific preferred, 32,900 Rock Island, 32,700 St. Paul, 21,600 Union Pacific preferred, 133,800 American Tobacco, 54,000 American Sugar.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	12	Do pref	145
Do pref	30⅝	St P & Om	76
Baltimore & Ohio	18	Do pref	150
Canada Pacific	82½	St P M & M	132
Canada Southern	50¼	So Pacific	15
Central Pacific	12¼	Do pref	28⅝
Ches & Ohio	21⅛	Texas & Pacific	10⅞
Chi & Alton	159	Union Pacific	58¼
Chi B & Q	106⅝	U P D & G	7¾
Chi & E Ill	50	Wabash	7
C C C & St L	31	Do pref	18⅝
Do pref	80	Wheel & L E	2⅝
Del & Hudson	108	Do pref	11½
Del L & W	150	Express Companies—	
Den & R G	11	Adams Ex	130
Do pref	46	American Ex	125
Erie (new)	12⅝	United States	40
Do 1st pref	35	Wells Fargo	115
Ft Wayne	168	Miscellaneous—	
Gt Nor pref	159	A Cot Oil	22½
Hocking Valley	6	Do pref	72½
Illinois Central	103	Amn Spirits	11½
Lake Erie & W	15	Do pref	28¼
Do pref	71¾	Am Tobacco	110⅞
Lake Shore	186	Do pref	118
Louis & Nash	53½	People's Gas	96⅝
Manhattan L	102⅝	Cons Gas	190¾
Met St Ry	150	Com Cable Co	160
Mich Cent	103½	Col F & Iron	21½
Minn & St L	26	Do pref	90
Do 1st pref	84	Gen Electric	36½
Mo Pacific	33¾	Illinois Steel	50
Mobile & Ohio	27¾	Laclede Gas	46
Mo K & T	10¾	Lead	33⅞
Do pref	34⅞	Do pref	105½
Chi Ind & L	9	Nat Lin Oil	19¼
Do pref	27	Or Imp Co	28
N J Central	94	Pacific Mail	27⅝
N Y Central	114¾	Pullman Pal	181
N Y Chi & S L	13	Silver Cert	57¼
Do 1st pref	65	Stand R & T	4¾
Do 2d pref	31½	Sugar	136¼
Nor West	133½	Do pref	114
No Amer Co	5⅞	T C & Iron	25½
No Pacific	25¾	U S Leather	7
Do pref	64¾	Do pref	637⅞
Ontario & W	15	U S Rubber	19¾
Or R & Nav	48	Do pref	74
Or Short Line	30	West Union	89½
Pittsburg	168	Chi & N W	124⅞
Reading	18⅛	Do pref	168
Do 1st pref	43¾	St L & SW	4½
Rock Island	100½	Do pref	10¾
St L & S F	7¼	R G W	22
Do 1st pref	61¼	Do pref	55
Do 2d pref	27⅞	Chi G W	14⅝
St Paul	95¾	Haw Com Co	17½

CLOSING BONDS.

U S new 4s reg	122	N Carolina 6s	122
Do coup	122	Do 4s	105
U S 4s	108¼	No Pac 1sts	116
Do coup	109½	Do 3s	60
Do 2ds	95	No Pac 4s	95⅛
U S 5s reg	110½	N Y C & S L 4s	104
Do 5s coup	110½	Nor & W 6s	117
District 3.65s	113½	Northwstrn cons	140
Ala class A	108½	Do deb 5s	113
Do B	108½	O Nav 1sts	115
Do C	90	O Nav 4s	95½
Do Currency	90	O S Line 6s tr	123
Atchison 4s	90	O S Line 5s tr	103
Do adj 4s	63⅝	O Imp 1sts tr	109
Can So 2ds	107½	Do 5s tr	57¼
Chi Term 4s	84¾	Pacific 6s of '95	103
C & Ohio 5s	112	Reading 4s	83½
C H & I 4½s	104⅝	R G W 1sts	82½
D & R G 1sts	105	St L & I M C 5s	93⅝
D & R G 4s	91½	St L & S F G 6s	118
East Tenn 1sts	106	St P Con	115
Erie Gen 4s	71½	St P C & P 1sts	117
F W & D 1sts tr	71	Do 5s	115
Gen Elec 5s	103	So Ry 5s	91¾
G H & S A 6s	102½	Stand R & T 6s	63
Do 2ds	105½	Tenn new set 3s	86
H & T C 5s	110	T & P L G 1sts	103¼
Do con 6s	104	Do Rg 2ds	33½
Iowa C 1sts	101¾	U P D & G 1sts	57¾
La new cons 4s	100	Wab 1st 5s	106⅝
L & N Uni 4s	88	Do 2ds	81
Missouri 6s	100	W Shore 4s	107⅜
M K & T 2ds	61½	Va Centuries	68
Do 4s	88⅝	Do deferred	5
N Y Central 1sts	117¼	U P pref	58¼
N J C 5s	112¾	Do 4s	92⅞

MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	20	Ontario	2 75
Crown Point	09	Ophir	35
Con Cal & Va	55	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	75	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	20	Do pref	2 00
Hale & Norcross	75	Sierra Nevada	55
Homestake	40 00	Standard	1 50
Iron Silver	44	Union Con	10
Mexican	09	Yellow Jacket	20

BOSTON.

BOSTON, May 17.—Atchison, 12½; Bell Telephone, 260; Burlington, 100⅝; Mexican Central, 4⅝; B. and M., 194½; B. and B., 24½; Parrott, 19.

LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The Evening Post's financial cablegram says: The stock markets here opened a trifle better to-day in the absence of other disquieting speeches and closed unchanged in all except Americans, where the pressure to sell has abated and which closed good on New York support. The New York power of absorption excites surprise. It is believed yesterday's sale to brokers there was as much as 40,000 shares.

The ease in money is due to release of more Japanese money and the operation of the Bank of England's policy in making advances free of interest repayable in gold bullion.

CLOSE.

Canadian Pacific, 84⅞; Grand Trunk, 8¾; bar silver steady, 26 5-16d per ounce; money, 2½@3 per cent.

Spanish 4's closed at 33¼, a net advance of ⅛.

PARIS, May 17.—Spanish 4's closed at 33¼, a net decline of 3-16.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, May 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,700; exports, 23,500. Opened firm, but closed rather easy with wheat.

WHEAT—Receipts, 365,375 bushels; exports, 371,574 bushels. Spot market steady; No. 2 red, $1 56 f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened steady and had a good advance on the strength of cables, fair local and foreign buying of July and light offerings. They subsequently turned weak with corn, however, and under realizing closed 1@1⅝c net lower on all months but May, which resisted selling exports and closed 1½c net higher. No. 2 red May, $1 56@1 57½, closed $1 57½; July, $1 16½@1 18¾, closed $1 16½.

HOPS—Quiet; State common to choice, 1895 crop, 30@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c; Pacific Coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c.

WOOL—Quiet.

PETROLEUM—Dull.

COFFEE—Options closed quiet, unchanged to 5 points net lower. Sales, 750 bags, including May, $5 80. Spot coffee—Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing, 6⅞c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8½@15½c.

SUGAR—Raw, strong, tending upward; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; refined, firm.

METALS—The metal market continues generally steady, but very quiet. At the close today:

PIGIRON — Warrants were called steady, with $6 75 bid and $7 asked.

LAKE COPPER—Quiet and unchanged, with $12 bid and $12 15 asked.

TIN—Quiet; $14 50 bid, $14 60 asked.

SPELTER—Steady; $4 15 bid, $4 25 asked.

LEAD—Dull and unchanged; $3 62½ bid, $3 67½ asked. The firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters continues to quote lead at $3 50.

BTTER—Receipts, 16,700 packages. Steady; Western creamery, 14@15½c; Elgins, 15½c; factory, 12@14c.

EGGS—Receipts, 1900 packages. Western, 10½c; Southern, 9@10c.

DRIED FRUIT.

NEW YORK, May 17.—California Dried Fruits: Apples strong, others steady.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 6@8½c; prime wire tray, 9c; wood-dried, prime, 9@9½c; choice, 9¾@9¾c; fancy, 9½@10c.

PRUNES—4@8¼c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 8@10c; Moorpark, 10@12c.

PEACHES—Unpeeled, 5@8c; peeled, 12@14c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 17.—After a rather wide fluctuation Wheat closed weak. Peace rumors had some influence, but there were apparently very clear evidences that Leiter brokers were disposed to sell all the July the market would take. Early Liverpool cables were ½@3d higher for July. Heaviness of the domestic receipts, however, overshadowed in the minds of traders the Liverpool advance. The weather map indicated higher temperature throughout the West. Heavy rains fell in the Northwest, where most needed. The California crop has freshened up wonderfully since last Saturday. Reports from Russia say that the state of winter Wheat in that country is generally satisfactory, only a few of the central districts having suffered. July opened unchanged at $1 09¼, ranged from $1 09 to $1 10, declined to $1 07 and rallied to $1 08 bid at the close. September opened ¼c lower at 91½c, sold up to 92c, reacted to 89⅝c and closed at 89¾c bid. May closed at $1 49½ asked.

Corn was depressed by more favorable weather conditions and poor cash demand. July closed ⅞c lower.

Oats trade was inconsequential. July closed with a loss of ½c.

Provisions made two turns to-day, weak at the opening, strong later, showing an advance of 30c over yesterday's final quotation, caused by good buying, and closed weak. The close for July Pork was 22½c lower, Lard 17½c lower and Ribs 20c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	1 45	1 50	1 45	1 49½
July	1 10	1 10	1 07	1 08
September	91½	92	89⅝	89¾
December	86½	86⅞	85⅝	85⅞
Corn No. 2—				
May	36⅝	36⅝	35⅞	35⅞
July	36⅞	36⅞	36	36
September	37⅝	37¾	36⅞	37
Oats No. 2—				
May	30	30	29½	29½
July	26¾	26¾	26¼	26⅜
September	24⅛	24⅛	23⅝	23¾
Mess Pork, per bbl—				
May	.....	.....	.....	12 00
July	12 25	12 70	12 12½	12 17½
September	12 37½	12 60	12 30	12 30
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
May	.....	.....	.....	6 62½
July	6 67½	6 85	6 60	6 62½
September	6 80	6 95	6 70	6 70
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
May	.....	.....	.....	6 35
July	6 45	6 62½	6 32½	6 35
September	6 55	6 70	6 42½	6 42½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, demand continuous, rather slow; No. 2 Spring Wheat, $1 10@1 30; No. 2 Red, $1 47@1 48; No. 2 Corn, 36⅝@36¾c; No. 2 Oats, 30@30¼c; No. 2 White, 33½@33¾c; No. 3 White, 32½@33c; No. 2 Rye, 68¼@68½c; No. 2 Barley, 42@52c; No. 1 Flax Seed, $1 37½@1 38; prime Timothy Seed, $2 60@2 65; Mess Pork, per bbl, $12 00@12 10; Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 62½@6 65; Short Ribs Sides (loose), $6 25@6 70; Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), 5⅞@6½c; Short Clear Sides (boxed), 7¼@7⅝c.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	19,000	19,000
Wheat, bu	237,000	440,000
Corn, bu	596,000	501,000
Oats, bu	404,000	373,500
Rye, bu	9,950	.....
Barley, bu	51,000	85,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady; Creamery, 12@14½c; Dairy, 11@13c; Cheese, fair demand, 9½c; Eggs, steady, fresh 9½c.

WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
Minneapolis	118,400	56,980
Duluth	321,028	236,116
Milwaukee	162,400	71,560
Chicago	272,070	439,418
Toledo	211,360	119,000
St. Louis	28,000	10,000
Detroit	31,623	2,269
Kansas City	71,000	26,000
Totals	1,215,881	961,343
Tidewater—		
Boston	54,084	.....
New York	.....	371,574
Philadelphia	5,768	2,341
Baltimore	68,501	180,662
New Orleans	.....	170,000
Totals	.....	.....

PARIS FUTURES.

Wheat—	May.	Sept.	Dec.
Opening	65 95	55 50	55
Closing	66 40	55 40	55
Flour—			
Opening	30 40	25 25	25
Closing	30 50	25 50	25

LIVERPOOL WHEAT FUTURES.

	May.	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Opening	...	10 9	8 1¼	7 4
Closing	11 3	10 11	8 2⅝	7 5

AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreets show the following changes in the available supply last Saturday:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 1,293,000; afloat, for and in Europe, increase, 400,000; world's supply, net decrease, 893,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 2,770,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 701,000 bushels.

The combined stock of wheat held at Portland, Or., Tacoma and Seattle shows an increase of 30,000 bushels for the week.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 17.—CATTLE—Supplies are falling off as a result of last week's reduction in prices. The export demand continues fairly large. Yesterday's advance of 10@15 cents was maintained to-day. Common to choice steers, $4@5 10; Western steers, $4@4 75; Texas steers, $4 25@4 60; stockers and feeders, $3 90@4 85.

HOGS—The demand for hogs was active and prices were 10@15 cents higher. Prime heavy, $4 80; common, $4 50@4 70; pigs, $3 60@4 25; heavy packers, $4 30@4 52½.

SHEEP—There was a brisk general demand for sheep to-day, and prices were about 10 cents higher. Common to prime native sheep, $3 50@5 40; export sheep, $4 25; lambs, $5 15@$5 45.

Receipts—Cattle, 3000; hogs, 32,000; sheep, 11,000.

OMAHA.

OMAHA, May 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1800. Market active, stronger. Native beef steers, $4@4 85; Western steers, $3 90@4 50; Texas steers, $3 25@4 25; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 30; stockers and feeders, $3 90@5; bulls and stags, $2 70@3 80.

HOGS—Receipts, 9100. Market 20@25 cents higher. Heavy, $4 45@4 60; mixed, $4 25@4 50; light, $4 40@4 45; bulk of sales, $4 45@4 50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 900. Market steady. Fair to choice natives, $3 75@4 25; do Westerns, $3 60@4 20; lambs, $4 25@5 20.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, May 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4500. Market strong to 10 cents higher. Native steers, $3 75@5; native cows and heifers, $2 90@4 50; stockers and feeders, $4 15@5 20; bulls, $3 25@4 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 22,000. Market opened up 10@20 cents higher, closing slow. Bulk of sales, $4 10@4 55; heavies, $4 30@4 65; packers, $4 05@4 55; mixed, $4 10@4 50; lights, $3 90@3 95.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3000. Market firm. Lambs, $4@5 50; muttons, $3 25@4 50.

DENVER.

DENVER, May 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500. Market firm; 10c higher. Beef steers, $3 80@$4 25; cows, $3@3 90; feeders, freight paid to river, $4@4 40; stockers, do, $4@4 70; bulls and stags, $2 20@3.

HOGS—Receipts, 400. Market strong; 20 cents higher. Light packers, $4 45@4 50; mixed, $4 40@4 45; heavy, $4 25@4 45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200. Market firm. Good fat muttons, $3 10@4 20; lambs, $4 30@5 20.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 17.—The attendance at the Wool auction sales to-day was good. The bidding was active and showed an improvement all around. Sales in detail:

New South Wales, 1300 bales; scoured, 1s ½@2d 2½d; greasy, 6¼d@10½d.

Queensland, 1700 bales; scoured, 1s ½d@1s 2½d; greasy, 7¼d@10d.

Victoria, 2700 bales, scoured, 6¾d@1s 5d; greasy, 4¾d@11½d.

South Australia, 1100 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d @1s 2d; greasy, 5½d@9½d.

West Australia, 900 bales; greasy, 5d@9d.

New Zealand, 4700 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 2d; greasy, 5¾d@10d.

Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1600 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 6d; greasy, 5¼d@7¾d.

Punta Arenas, 100 bales; greasy, 6d@6½d.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, May 17.—Consols, 110⅝; silver, 26 5-16; French rentes, 102f 35c.

LIVERPOOL, May 17.—Wheat, steady; No. 1 standard California Wheat, 5s; cargoes off coast, buyers and sellers apart; cargoes on passage, nominal, unchanged; English country markets, quiet; French country markets, firmer; Wheat in Paris, firm; Flour in Paris, firm.

COTTON—Uplands, 3 17-32.

CLOSE.

Wheat—Futures closed steady; May 11s 3d; July, 10s 11d; September, 8s 2¾d; December, 7s 5d.

CORN—May steady, 3s 10d; July steady, 3s 9¾d; September steady, 3s 10½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter steady, 14s 3d.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Mass., May 17.—The tone of the wool market here this week is better, but as yet there is little business doing, although a hopeful feeling prevails. Quotations:

Territory wools—Montana, fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 45c; staple, 48c.

Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 14@15c; scoured, 43@45c; staple, 48c.

Australian scoured, basis combing, superfine, 70@72c; good, 65@68c; average, 62@65c.

SALES OF CALIFORNIA FRUIT.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California Cherries at open auction to-day realizing the following prices: Black Tartarian, 55c@$1 20; Royal Anne, $1@1 35; Chapman, 80c; Governor Wood, 50c.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5⅝c.

NEW YORK, May 17.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 6⅜c.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, $207,083,092; gold reserve, $176,443,905.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, sight	—	$4 84
Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	4 87
Sterling Cables	—	4 87½
New York Exchange, sight	—	12½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	15
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	57¼
Mexican Dollars	—	46½

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT FREIGHTS—Are still nominal in the absence of any spot business, at 27s 6d, usual options. The chartered wheat fleet in port has a registered tonnage of 3442, against 5137 tons on the same date last year; disengaged, 7618 tons, against 93,900; on the way to this port, 211,200 tons, against 267,500.

WHEAT—Futures followed Chicago down with enormous sales in spite of higher quotations from Europe. The spot market was also weak with no business of any consequence.

Spot Wheat was nominal at the following quotations: Shipping, $1 75; milling, $1 80@1 85 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—December—6000 ctls, $1 69¼; 2000, 1 69⅝; 2000, 1 69½; 12,000, $1 69; 2000, 1 68⅞.

Second Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 69; 2000, $1 68⅞; 8000, $1 68¾; 4000, $1 68⅝; 16,000, $1 68½; 2000, 1 68¼; 20,000, $1 68; 2000, $1 68⅛; 12,000, $1 67¾.

Regular Morning Session — December—4000 ctls, $1 65½; 2000, $1 65⅜; 44,000, $1 65; 10,000, $1 65¼; 50,000, 1 64⅞; 44,000, $1 64; 24,000, $1 64¼; 34,000, $1 64⅜; 56,000, $1 64½.

Afternoon Session — December—196,000 ctls, $1 64¾; 16,000, $1 64⅝; 232,000, $1 64⅞; 16,000, $1 65.

BARLEY—The market is dull since the rain and the tendency is downward.

Feed, $1 30; Brewing, $1 35@1 37½.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

Second Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 29; 2000, $1 28⅞; 2000, $1 28¾; 2000, $1 28¼; 2000, $1 28½; 2000, $1 28⅛.

Regular Morning Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 27; 6000, 1 26⅝; 2000, $1 26; 8000, $1 25½; 6000, $1 25¾; 10,000, $1 25⅝.

Afternoon Session — December—6000 ctls, $1 26¼; 4000, $1 26⅜; 8000, $1 26½.

OATS—The market has not changed for some days and is dull.

Fancy Feed, $1 42½@1 45 per ctl; good to choice, $1 35@1 40; common, $1 30@1 32½; Surprise, $1 45@1 50; gray, $1 32½@1 37½; milling, $1 35@1 42½ per ctl.

CORN—Prices are unchanged and the market is without animation.

Small round yellow, $1 25 per ctl; large yellow, $1 07½@1 10; white, $1 07½@1 10 per ctl.

RYE—$1 37½@1 40 per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—$1 75@1 85 per ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

All descriptions are unchanged.

FLOUR—Family Extras, $6@6 10; Bakers' Extras, $5 75@5 85 per bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75 per 100; Rice Flour, $6; Cornmeal, $2 50; extra cream Cornmeal, $3 25; Oatmeal, $4; Oat Groats, $4 25; Hominy, $3 25@3 50; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 75; Farina, $4 75; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 25; Rolled Oats (barrels), $5 80@6 20; in sacks, $5 60@6; Pearl Barley, $4 75; Split Peas, $4 25; Green Peas, $4 50 per 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

All old Hay is firm at previous prices. New Hay is coming in green and damp and looks as if it had been baled out of the windrow. Of course this affects its price. The outside Hay from Oregon and Utah is also weak and dull, as the public do not want it if they can get California Hay.

Bran and Middlings are lower.

BRAN—$18@19 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$21 50@23 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $29 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $31@31 50; jobbing, $32@32 50; Cocoanut Cake, $24@25; Cottonseed Meal, $28@30 per ton; Cornmeal, $24 50; Cracked Corn, $25.

HAY—(Ex-car in round lots)—Wheat, $20@25; Wheat and Oat, $20@23 50; Oat, $18@20; Barley, $16@18 50; compressed Wheat, $21@24; compressed Oat, $18@20; Alfalfa, $13@14; Clover, nominal; Timothy, $16 50@17 50.

NEW HAY—Wheat, wire-bound, $19@20; volunteer wild Oat, $13@16; Island Barley, $16; Alfalfa, $12 50@15 75.

STRAW—75c@$1 10 per bale; Oregon, 50@60c.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

A slight decline in white descriptions is the only change in Beans and the market is not active. Seeds range as before.

BEANS—Bayos, $2 90@3 05; Small Whites, $1 95@2 05; Large Whites, $1 90@2; Pinks, $2 65@2 75; Reds, $3; Blackeye, $3 75; Butters, $1 75@2; Limas, $3@3 10; Pea, $2@2 15; Red Kidneys, $2 65@2 85 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, $2 25@2 50 per ctl; Yellow Mustard, $3 15@3 25; Flax, $2 25; Canary Seed, 2¼@2¾c per lb; Alfalfa, 3@6c; Rape, 2¼@2¾c; Hemp, 2¾@3c; Timothy, 5@5¼c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 75@2; Green, $1 90@2 25 per ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

Los Angeles Egg Plant brought 15c per lb. and Tomatoes $1 50@1 75 per box.

High prices still rule for summer stuff under very light receipts. The Potato market is firm.

POTATOES—River Reds, 40@50c; River Burbanks, 50@65c per sack; Oregon Burbanks, 60c@$1; Petaluma Burbanks, 50@65c per sack; new Potatoes, 1½@2½c per lb.

ONIONS—Australian pobbing at $4; new, 60@75c peh ctl.

VEGETABLES—Receipts were 526 boxes Asparagus, 45 boxes Rhubarb and 188 sacks Peas.

Asparagus, $2 25@2 50 for extra large; $1 75@2 per box for No. 1, $1@1 50 for small; Rhubarb, 40@50c per box for small to good and 60@75c for extra choice; Green Peas, $1 75@2 per sack; Garden Peas, 3½c per lb; String Beans, 9@11c; Wax Beans, 8@11c; Horse Beans, 25@50c per sack; Summer Squash, 10@12½c per lb; Dried Peppers, 6@7c per lb; Dried Okra, 12½c; Cabbage, 65@75c per ctl.; Carrots, 30@50c per sack; Cucumbers, 40@$1 per dozen; Marysville Cucumbers, $2 25 per box; Mexican Tomatoes, 75c@$1 75 per box; new Garlic, 60@8c per lb.

EVAPORATED VEGETABLES—

Potatoes sliced, raw, 12c per lb in lots of 25 lbs; sliced desiccated, 16@18c; granulated raw, 13c; Onions, 60c; Carrots, old, 13c; new, 18c; Cabbage, 30c; Sweet Potatoes, 30c; Turnips, 25c; String Beans, 30c; Tomatoes, 50c.

POULTRY AND GAME.

A car of Eastern sold at 12c for Turkeys, $8 50 for Ducks, $1 25 for Geese, $5@5 50 for Hens, and $4 75 for old Roosters.

In local stock Hens and old Roosters continue depressed, while young stock is scarce and firm.

POULTRY—Live Turkeys, 10@11c for Gobblers and 10@11c for Hens; Geese, per pair, $1@1 25; Goslings, $1 25@1 50; Ducks, $3@4 for old and $3 50@5 for young; Hens, $3@3 50; Roosters, young, $8@9; Roosters, old, $3 25@3 75; Fryers, $6@7; Broilers, $4 50@5 50 for large, $2 50@4 for small; Pigeons, $1 50@1 75 per dozen for young and $1@1 25 for old.

GAME—Nominal.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

There is no change in Butter. There is plenty here. Cheese is also in good supply. Ranch Eggs are firm and store are higher. Eastern Eggs are on the market again.

BUTTER—

Creamery — Fancy creameries, 21c; seconds, 20c.

Dairy—Choice to fancy, 18@20c; common grades, 16@17½c per lb.

Eastern Butter — Imitation creamery, 16@16½c¼ lade-packed, 15@16c per lb; Eastern Eggs, 12½@13c per lb.

EGGS—Ranch Eggs, 14@16c per dozen; store Eggs, 13½@14c; Eastern, 14c; Duck Eggs, 16c.

DECIDUOUS AND CITRUS FRUITS.

Receipts of Cherries and Strawberries continue small and prices are higher in consequence.

The first Currants came in from San Leandro and sold at $1 75 per drawer.

Good Oranges and Lemons are firm. Limes are in free supply and dull.

Watsonville berries sold at